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SJSRY in Andhra Pradesh

2467. SHRIMATI N.P DURGA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of beneficiaries under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise;

(b) the kind of self-employment opportunities provided under the above scheme;

(c) the details of proposals sent by the State Government of Andhra Pradesh during the current year *i.e.*, 2006-07; and

(d) the action taken on the above proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The number of beneficiaries assisted under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana in the State of Andhra Pradesh during last three years, year-wise, as reported by the State Government in its Quarterly Progress Report, is given below. It may be mentioned that, at the national level, Ministry of Housings Urban Poverty Alleviation maintains State/Union Territory wise details only and District-wise details are not maintained.

	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Number of urban poor assisted to set up micro/group enterprises for self Employment		17704	2020
Number of urban poor imparted	8244 Skill training	5631	3957
Number of mandays of work generated	1.94 Under the wage employment (in lakhs)	6.11	0.00

(b) Under the Scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana, assistance is provided for setting up micro-enterprises to those urban poor who have not studied beyond 9th standard, in various trades. The maximum project cost for individual beneficiary under the Scheme is Rs. 50000/- only and the subsidy provided is 15% or Rs. 7500/- whichever

is less. Whereas, for the women beneficiaries forming the Groups of at least 10 members, known as Development of Women & Children in Urban Areas (DWCUA) groups, there is no ceiling on the project cost, except that maximum subsidy is 50% of the project cost or Rs. 1,25,000/-whichever is less.

(c) and (d) Under the Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), at the beginning of the financial year, the Central funds are tentatively allocated to the States/UTs in proportion to the incidence of urban poverty in the States/UTs and thereafter these funds are released to the States/UTs in instalments on the basis of receipt Utilisation Certificates for the past central and also the contribution of matching State shares for the past releases. Additional funds, over and above the tentative allocations, are also released to the States/UTs on their request keeping in view the physical and financial progress of the scheme in the States/UTs and also the availability of funds. Under SJSRY, therefore, proposals are not received from the States/UTs and only demand for additional funds, if required, is received.

During the current year 2006-07, no demand for additional funds under SJSRY has been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Bill for Urban Unemployed

†2468. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATIONS pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report of National Sample Survey Organization wherein the unemployment in cities have been reflected higher than that of villages;

(b) if so, whether any proposal to introduce a Bill for the urban unemployed on the lines of Rural Employment Guarantee Bill is under Government's consideration;

(c) if so, by when such a Bill would be introduced; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi